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Aircraft Manufacturer to Bring 34 Jobs to Halifax County
State Grant Helps LSA America Locate in Halifax

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that LSA America, Inc., a manufacturer of light sport aircraft, will locate with a new production facility in Halifax County. The company plans to create 34 jobs and invest \$400,000 during the next three years. The project was made possible in part by a \$136,000 grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

“As we work every day to put North Carolinians back to work, we have focused on creating 21st century jobs, and that includes creating an aerospace cluster in our state with companies such as LSA America,” Gov. Perdue said. “Our efforts to expand this fast-growing industry will continue to create jobs in Halifax County and around the state.”

LSA America is the manufacturer of the Allegro® Light Sport Aircraft. The light sport aircraft’s performance, quality, low maintenance costs and low operating costs continue to bring new sales and increase market share despite the recession. LSA will target aviation flight schools and General Aviation pilots for sales in the U.S. and around the world. The company will lease the Littleton Industrial Building on NC Highway 158 for 18 months, while a new production hangar is constructed at the Halifax-Northampton Regional Airport.

Salaries will vary by job function, but the average annual wage for the new jobs will be \$28,118 plus benefits. The Halifax County average annual wage is \$27,404.

“LSA America is very pleased to establish production of its Allegro® Light Sport Aircraft in North Carolina with its rich aviation history. Halifax County offers growth potential and a very capable employee base,” said Doug Hempstead, President of LSA America. “The incentives and dedicated people we worked with made North Carolina and Halifax County an easy choice. We look forward to growing our production in the coming days.”